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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Art Unit: 3728  
Examiner: Marie D. Patterson  
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Title: METATARSAL GUARD

MAIL STOP RCE  
The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This is a request for continued examination pursuant to the procedure of 37 C.F.R. §1.114. A submission (Response to Official Communication) and an Authorization re Deposit Account (in duplicate) in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) accompany this request. No payment of the issue fee, abandonment, filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, or commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or 146 has occurred as of the date of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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